

HOUSE BILL 1539

By Sparks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 1 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to confidentiality of emergency service calls.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 86, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

7-86-1___. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, all 911 calls and transmissions of such calls received pursuant to this chapter and all tapes containing records of such calls shall remain confidential and be used only for the purpose of handling emergency calls and for public safety purposes as may be needed for law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue, dispatching, or other emergency services. The 911 calls shall not be released to any other parties without the written consent of the caller whose voice is recorded, or upon order of the court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.